

Application Serial No.: 10/694,424
Amdt. dated July 22, 2005
Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated May 3, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended the abstract and amended Claims 10 and 13-15 which, when considered with the remarks set forth below, are deemed to place the case in condition for allowance. As a result of the present Amendment, Claims 1-16 remain in the case for continued prosecution.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-9, 11-12 and 16. Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication of allowed claims.

Also in the Office Action, the abstract has been objected to based on various informalities. In response, Applicants have amended the Abstract to cancel the "means" phraseology and to present the abstract in a single paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Abstract has been overcome. The Examiner has helpfully set forth the basis for each specific objection.

Further in the Office Action, Claims 10 and 13-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has helpfully pointed out the basis for each specific rejection. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 10 and 13-15 to address each specific rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the application with Claims 1-16 are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner

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believes that a telephone interview would assist in moving the application toward allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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